

WARRINER REPLIES TO MINERS' STAND

Operators' Representative Says Attitude of Hard Coal Workers Has Been Unfair

AGAINST EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Scranton, July 20.—In his closing argument for the operators before the United States Anthracite Coal Commission today S. D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., stated the position of the operators as one of earnest, thoughtful consideration of all the points brought out by the miners and by their own study of the situation. There has been before the operators, he said, a realization that wages and conditions of employment should be fair and reasonable.

However, in the sensational presentation of the other side, he said, the mine workers' attitude has been unfair. There has been the least hesitation in presenting to any authorized government body the fullest information as to prices, profits or the policy of conducting the business. These phases, he added, have been fully covered by the Federal Trade Commission and in senatorial investigations. The present commission, he said, was limited to a consideration of wage questions, and as the miners advanced no profit-sharing proposal, the question of profits did not come before the commission.

Demands Are Classified

The only questions, Mr. Warriner said, were the eight-hour day, which he classified in four parts.

Taking up the demands of major importance, Mr. Warriner said that the question of extending the eight-hour day had been taken up with the secretary of labor and that a specific recommendation had been made by the secretary covering those classes of men he thought required special consideration, including outside hoisting engineers and inside pumpmen.

Since that meeting, he said, the miners had placed a wider interpretation on the demand so as to include not only those men working twelve hours cross shifts, but all classes working more than eight hours a day, with demand that pay for eight hours, with the same as now paid for twelve.

Predicts Men's Dissatisfaction

He took the position that no industry like the anthracite industry can operate a full eight-hour day if there is limitation of eight hours to employment of all individuals. He said the men themselves would not be satisfied if eight hours were the hard and fast limit, and that there was no warrant for paying the same money to the long hour men for eight hours as they now receive for twelve. Punitive overtime was not allowed by the bituminous commission and the secretary of labor had calculated on straight hourly rates for overtime.

In their demand for the same increase as given to the bituminous miners, Mr. Warriner said that the anthracite workers had shifted their interpretations, and even in the closing arguments had maintained that differentials should be continued, on the basis of a \$6 minimum daily wage for unskilled labor.

Demand for \$6 Minimum

He said the wage increase demand had been based on the theory that there was more regularity of working in the anthracite mines than in the bituminous, and that when this was demolished the next argument was that wages must be increased to meet the increased cost of living. The final demand is based on the ground that \$6 is no more than enough to give a living wage.

He cited the record of collective bargaining since 1902, and called attention to the fact that both sides really



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Will have charge of the reorganization of the War Department, which takes effect January 1, 1921

get close together on the wage demands this time. This being the case, he said, he raised the question of why no settlement was reached. The answer, he said, was to be found in the real stumbling block, the demand for union recognition with closed shop and check-off, which Mr. Murray gave first place in the order of importance.

BATTLE ALARMS HANKOW

Chinese City in Panic as Factions Clash in Outskirts

Pekin, July 20.—Hankow was thrown into panic by a machine-gun battle on the outskirts of the city between Anfu troops of Wu Kwang Hsin, recently appointed military governor of Honan, and forces of Wang Chan Yuan, military governor of Hupoh. The clash occurred over the imprisonment by Wang Chan Yuan of Wu Kwang Hsin, who is a relative of General Tuan Chi Jui, on the charge of attempted assassination.

When the Wu Kwang Hsin troops attacked the city they were met by local forces and repulsed with heavy losses. A train carrying ten marines and several American, British and Japanese officers left here yesterday for the congested section of the Peking-Tientsin railway. The military men will endeavor to assist the department of communication in reopening traffic on the line, which is still interrupted between Yangtsun and Lofa. On the way the train will pick up the British inspector of communications. The break in the line, which has caused much confusion and congestion, is said to have been originally caused by the flight of the station master.

There is little change in the military situation outside Peking, but the city itself yesterday was more quiet than it has been since the outbreak of fighting between the Anfu and Chihli factions.

Leak in Japan's Naval Plans

Tokyo, July 20.—(By A. P.)—The theft of important documents dealing with naval plans from the trunk of a lieutenant in the naval school of gunnery is reported by the newspapers. On account of the frequent disappearance within the last few months of papers of military and naval value, it is announced that the police will institute an exhaustive investigation.

AUTO PARTY FIGHTS BANDITS; TWO SHOT

Men and Women Engage in Gun Battle Between Sea Girt and Asbury Park

ROBBERS FINALLY ROUTED

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
Spring Lake Beach, N. J., July 20.—Four motorcar bandits were fought to a finish in a battle early this morning on the lonely road between Sea Girt and Asbury Park.

During the fight one man in the automobile party held up was shot twice and dangerously wounded, one bandit was shot in the leg and one of the women in the party took a hand in the fight and proved to be a heroine.

The men wounded are in the Spring Lake Beach Hospital. They are Charles H. Hankins, of Point Pleasant, N. J., one of the men held up; shot in right arm and leg; and Winifred Chasey, all of Point Pleasant.

Three Women in Party

In the automobile stopped by the bandits were Leonard Foreman and Charles H. Hankins, of Point Pleasant, N. J.; Captain William Finnegan, of Hoboken, connected with the marine department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and Catherine Kinney, Irons Kinney and Winifred Chasey, all of Point Pleasant.

The party had been dining at Boggett's roadhouse at Sea Girt and left shortly after 1 o'clock this morning for the trip home. The car was going north on the road leading to Asbury Park when another motorcar was heard some distance behind.

The car, a seven-passenger touring car, drew up alongside and the occupants of the other automobile noticed a man standing on the running board with a revolver in his hand. Three other men were in car.

"Stop that car," called the man on the running board, pointing his gun at Foreman. Hankins jumped to the conclusion some friend was playing a practical joke on the party and began to banter the highwayman.

Bandit Car Blocks Road

By way of answer the driver of the pursuing car swung it across the road, forcing Foreman to halt along the edge of the road.

Without a moment's hesitation, Hankins leaped from his seat, over the door, and grappled with the bandit on the running board. Foreman and the others grappled with the bandits sitting in the other car and a free for all fight started that assumed serious proportions when the bandit with the revolver fired, the bullet tearing a hole in Hankins' ear.

Hankins kept his hold and he and the bandit rolled about the road, while the three girls in the automobile sent screams after screams for help.

France Will Keep Word to Poland, Says Millerand

Paris, July 20.—(By A. P.)—Referring to Premier Lloyd George's ultimatum to Soviet Russia that if the armistice proposals were not accepted Great Britain and her Allies would defend Poland with all their forces and in every way, Premier Millerand told the Chamber of Deputies today:

"France will keep her word, as I am sure Great Britain will be faithful to hers."

after screams for help. Twisting his arm around, the bandit fired a shot into Hankins' abdomen and the man collapsed.

Ceasing her screams, Miss Catherine Kinney jumped from the car at this critical juncture in the fight and leaped at the bandit who had shot Hankins, just as the man was struggling to his feet. They went down in a heap, the girl jawing at the man's face, gouging at his eyes and pulling his hair out by the handful.

Girl Fights Robber

Seeing the situation, the men fighting in the bandit car left the bandits there and rushed to the aid of the girl. As Finnegan approached the man threw the girl to one side and staggered to his feet. He raised his hand to fire again. Finnegan seized his wrist and the bullet entered the bandit's leg, breaking it just above the knee.

The bandits in the automobile put on full speed and escaped, just as Policeman Arthur Gumber came up in his automobile, having heard the screams and shots as he was patrolling the road.

When taken to the hospital the bandit arrested gave his name and said the other men in the car were Syrians also. A full description of the men is in the hands of the police, every road is being watched for their car and their capture is expected within a few hours.

The farmers and cottagers have all been warned to be on the lookout.

RECOGNIZE JAPAN'S RIGHTS

Spa Council Allows Nippon to Occupy Nikolaievsk

Honolulu, July 20.—(By A. P.)—The council of allied premiers at Spa has recognized Japan's right to occupy Nikolaievsk and the northern portion of the island of Saghalien and to establish military governments in those districts to protect the lives and property of Japanese subjects from the Bolsheviks, according to information from Viscount Chinda to the Japanese Government and conveyed here from Tokio in special cable dispatches to Nippon Jiji, Japanese language newspaper.

Sporadic fighting has occurred between Japanese troops and Bolsheviks at Nikolaievsk which is on the coast of Siberia, in the province of Primorsk, Saghalien island, off Nikolaievsk, and separated from the mainland by the Amur gulf and the Gulf of Tartary, also has been the scene of Bolshevik activities. The southern part of the island was ceded to Japan by Russia in accordance with the treaty of Portsmouth.

BRITISH PREPARE THREAT TO RUSSIA

Rejection of Armistice With Poland Endangers Trade Negotiations

SOVIET ARMY ADVANCES

By the Associated Press

London, July 20.—The British Government's reply to the note of Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, of Soviet Russia, regarding an armistice with Poland will be dispatched tonight. It intimates that if the Russians advance farther into Poland all negotiations for trade between Great Britain and Russia will be broken off.

The Soviet Government's note rejects in substance the British peace proposals, declining to send its representatives to London for a conference because, the Bolsheviks say, Great Britain is not impartial. Also it objects to the admission of delegates from the Baltic states, with which it says Russia is already at peace.

As to Poland, the Bolshevik note points out that the proposed armistice line is unfair to Poland, and that with direct negotiations the Bolsheviks are prepared to grant Poland a much more favorable frontier.

The Bolshevik reply refuses flatly to entertain any conditions regarding the forces of General Wrangel and the refugees in South Russia, and demands the unconditional surrender of these.

The tone of the reply is sarcastic, and is regarded as intended to drive a wedge between Poland and the Allies.

Warsaw, July 20.—(By A. P.)—The Bolsheviks on the northern front are in sight of Poland proper, North of Grodno and just East of the Niemen river.

According to Monday night's official statement, the Bolsheviks have assembled masses of troops and are attacking along the Vilna Railroad in their drive on Grodno.

Activity is reported along the entire front and the Bolsheviks have been repulsed in several places. It is estimated the Bolsheviks are continuing an average daily advance of from nine to twelve miles in some places.

The communique announces that in the region of Novogrodek, about seventy-five miles east of Grodno, the Poles are withdrawing westward, with but little fighting. East of Baranovitch, along the river Shara, where the Poles are using the Russo-German defensive line, the Bolsheviks repeatedly launched infantry attacks in an endeavor to break the resistance of the Poles, but all the attacks were repulsed.

On the front southward along the stony railroad other Bolshevik forces were thrown back after a series of westward pushes.

The Bolsheviks are assembling reinforcements to follow up Budenny's cavalry raids, which usually are made by groups of from 500 to 600 men. It is chiefly against these that the members of the Kozluzko aerial squadron, most of them Americans, have been operating. Some of the Kozluzko fliers are mentioned in Monday night's communique in connection with operations in the Ukraine.

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